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For: **SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CUTANEOUS
DETACHMENT OF SKIN**

PROPOSED INTERVIEW DISCUSSION POINTS

Applicant proposes the following Examiner Interview discussion points. These points are for discussion only, and not intended as a further amendment to the claims.

- Discussing why and how “sectioning” is supported by the specification in at least page 7, line 23 to page 9, line 3 and why this feature as recited is not contradicted by page 7, lines 19 – 22 and page 8, lines 1 – 3 of the specification.
- Discussing why and how “tapering at least one blood vessel in the marked tissue area” is supported by the specification in at least page 7, line 23 to page 9, of the specification and where this step is completed.
- Clarifying whether “the cutaneous tissue are” of line 2 of claim 22 is the area marked in step a.
- Requesting the Examiner to show how the tissue in the Zucherman reference is inherently the same as the tissue of the recited claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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